

CONSERVATION BOARD AUGUST 22, 2011

MEMBERS:

John Kasper, Chairman
Sue Hilton
Glenn Hall
Chris Baldwin
Pat Murphy
Ted Boglione

The meeting began at 7:37 PM.

MINUTES:

Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the July 27, 2011 minutes, seconded by Mr. Boglione. All members voted “aye” to approve.

Mr. Murphy asked when there is a discussion, more details about the discussion are put in the minutes. During the June 27, 2011 meeting the members discussed EPODS, and the board members were split on their opinions. Mr. Kasper told the members that they can make recommendations to the Town Board, Planning Board, and the Town Attorney but that they have no authority.

The Conservation Board members would like to see in writing the definition of EPODS, exactly what they are, how they will be used, and why does the town of Farmington need them. The Board members agreed they do not have enough information to form an opinion on them.

Mr. Kasper will ask Mr. Ron Brand for a definition of EPODS, and if the conservation members would be able to look at a draft of the proposed EPOD regulation from the town, and if the town has passed any regulations.

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS:

1. **Applicant:** Bonalyn Nelsen Puravida, Organic Farm & Market Store, corner of Rte 96 & County Road 28. FDA approved 10.3 acres.

Construct a temporary stand to sell produce, and construct a permanent structure to store equipment. It will be a few years to get the soil certified as organic and planting can be done. The applicant has met with the DOT and there will be an on site waste water system.

The Conservation Board has no objections or concerns at this time. It is pleased to see this type of project in Farmington.

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2. **Applicant:** Cobblestone Arts Center, Rte 332, application to construct an 8,000 sq ft building, additional parking spaces, and a detention pond. This will be a multi use building to be used for lectures, teacher instructing, and athletics area for people with disabilities.

The Conservation Board members had the following comments:

- A. How much parking is required? The proposed additional parking looks disproportionately large compared to the 8,000 sq. ft. building.
 - B. It appears a significant amount of trees will be removed. Effort should be made to preserve as many mature trees as possible.
3. **Applicant:** Subdivide existing 24.68 lot into 2 lots, Corporate Drive, near Urgent Care Center. This area is zoned Planned Development.

The Conservation Board members had no comments.

OPEN SPACE INDEX:

Mr. Kasper is trying to get information together to update the Open Space Index. Mr. Kasper spoke with Ms. Mary Neale who said that the Ontario County Planning Board has a lot of information and maps that could be useful.

TREES:

Mr. Kasper is still looking at nurseries for trees.

Ms. Hilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15, seconded by Mr. Hall. All members voted "aye" to adjourn.

The next meeting will be held on September 26, 2011.

Mary Richter, Clerk of the Board recorded the minutes.

